

HEDGEPEETH'S SCHEME.

He Was Fully Prepared to Make His Escape from Jail.

The Daring Glendale Train Robber Foiled by an Error of Judgment.

Marion Hedgepeth, who was born and reared in Cooper county, Mo., and who is under sentence of twenty-five years to the penitentiary for the Glendale train robbery, almost escaped from his temporary quarters in the St. Louis jail Saturday night. The following are the details:

The city jail is built in a semicircle, on the south side of the center of the Four courts. The cells are in three tiers. In front of them is the rotunda, where prisoners daily meet for exercise. Behind the cells is what is termed the "bull ring." It extends all round the jail, and is about ten feet wide. There are three big doors leading from the space in front of the cells to the passage behind. When the night watch comes on at 7 o'clock their first duty is to go round and see that each cell is securely fastened and contains its proper occupant. This examination takes place every two hours during the night. Hedgepeth's cell is No. 61 on the second tier, in which is known as "murderers' row," being reserved on account of their greater security for desperate characters, or those sentenced to long terms of imprisonment or the death penalty.

Wardens Hannon and Daly, the officers for the night, made their round every two hours as usual yesterday morning and found everything all right. They had just completed the round a few minutes after 3 o'clock, and had retired to the further end passage, when

AN UNUSUAL SOUND, like the creaking of a window, reached their ears, followed by a whiff of air decidedly cooler than any inside the jail. On investigating, they discovered two windows up and a man violently struggling to squeeze and worm himself between the bars on the outside. In an instant they were upon him with pointed revolvers and called on him to let go and drop. Seeing that he had been foiled, Hedgepeth dropped and hesitated for an instant whether or not he should make a supreme effort for liberty at the peril of his life or surrender. He chose the latter course and threw up his hands and appealed to the guards not to shoot. Still covering him with their revolvers, Hedgepeth was taken to his cell. After he was secured, notice of an attempted break from jail was promptly sent to Chief Jailer Kraemer, who immediately returned to the jail and commenced an investigation.

An inspection of the door revealed the fact that the prisoner's CELL WAS UNLOCKED, and that he had got out either through the cell being left in that condition or by means of a duplicate key. In addition to the ordinary lock there is a padlock. Hedgepeth claims that his cell was left unlocked by accident. He had by means of a broom-handle cord, which he had concealed in his cell for the purpose, so arranged it that the door would not give, and when the jailers tried the door they were under the impression it was properly secured.

If that be true, then it will be matter for inquiry how the padlock became unfastened. The doors leading from the rotunda to the bull ring are left open every night to give the guards quicker access in case of trouble arising.

As soon as the guards saw what was up, they sounded the alarm, which brought Assistant Chief Reedy and every officer in the jail TO THE RESCUE.

No further trouble being apprehended from the inside, Jailer Kraemer and some officers proceeded to examine the building on the outside. Once out it would have been an easy matter for Hedgepeth to have escaped, as the boiler house is immediately underneath the window, and, this being crossed, one jump would have landed the prisoner on the wall, which is only 12 feet high.

That Hedgepeth had accomplices is conclusively proven by the fact that on the roof of the boiler house was found a big barrel. The iron bars, which are half an inch thick, were found to have been forced back by means of a powerful jack-screw, so that there was a clear space of 12 inches between. The windows front on Twelfth street, and the one that was tampered with, was in the shadow of

A TELEGRAPH POLE, which explains why the accomplices successfully performed their part without being observed.

When they had finished their work they opened their windows and whistled, this being the preconcerted signal for Hedgepeth to get in his

work. This did not impress the guards until after they saw Hedgepeth getting through the window. When he reached the bull-ring instead of going to the window that had been left open for him he rushed in an opposite direction and opened another window, and through this error the plot was discovered, and Hedgepeth was the victim of his own blunders.

Various theories are in circulation as to who was aiding Hedgepeth on the outside. While in detention Jim French the notorious fire-bug, who was released on bond on Thursday, was confined in the

SAME CELL AS HEDGEPEETH. When asked if the two facts had any connection, Chief of Detectives Desmond remarked: "Yes, Jim French was released a day or two ago. It does seem rather funny."

Who secured French's bondsmen and all about them will be most carefully inquired into. Efforts were made to induce Hedgepeth to give the name or names of his accomplices, but they were futile. Chief Harrison believes that the accomplice is none other than Jim French. All the jail officers are positive in their declarations that everything inside the jail was found left properly secure.

Hedgepeth was seen in his cell yesterday morning, and in reply to questions said he would like to tell how it happened, but could not do it without implicating others. He said: "They have jobbed me for twenty-five years, and with that staring me in the face I made a break for liberty. It failed, and that's all I've got to show for it except these hands," showing his hands, which had been blistered on the steam at the window. Being reminded that the cell door was left open, he was asked if he could explain the coincidence of the window bars being forced back. His reply was that "it did seem rather funny."

Jailer Kraemer is almost convinced that an officer of the jail is implicated, and will sit the matter to the very bottom.

Died at Austin. Col. David W. Bouldin, formerly a resident of Sedalia, died Dec. 18, 1893, at Austin, Texas.

Col. Bouldin was a native of Missouri and at one time owned one-third interest with the late General Geo. R. Smith in part of the ground where Sedalia now stands. His residence at the time he resided here was on his farm northwest of the city and was considered one of the best in the country. The house is still standing and fronts on North Grand avenue.

He reared two daughters and one son who grew to maturity but died a number of years ago.

Col. Bouldin left Sedalia about twenty years ago and resided in San Francisco several years. He went then to prosecute a claim against the government for the possession of Goat island in the San Francisco bay, which he claimed was owned by his father. Lawing the government was slow business and he has died before the claim was adjudicated. He was about sixty years old.

Col. Bouldin was a good citizen, a clever neighbor and a steadfast friend. He was the first man in Sedalia to subscribe for the WEEKLY BAZOO for a year and pay in advance for it, twenty-five years ago.

A Race for Land. From the Springfield Democrat.

B. F. M. McFarland, a cattleman and farmer from near Kirbyville, Taney county, had his eye on a valuable forty-acre tract of land adjoining his homestead and he had intended entering the same at an early day. Last Friday he learned that one of his neighbors coveted the land and would start the following day to the land office to homestead the same. This spurred Mr. McFarland to action. Saddling his best horse he started for Springfield. After an all night's ride through the wind and cold his horse gave out four miles from the city. He pluckily continued his journey on foot and yesterday morning was the proud possessor of a duplicate to the land. He said: "I may have killed my horse, but I got the land just the same."

Idle Convicts at Jefferson City.

There are now nearly 500 idle convicts in the penitentiary and the number of recruits is being augmented every day. At present there are 1,800 male convicts in the penitentiary and a little over 1,000 of this number are worked under the contract system. Several contracts expire the last of this month, but it is likely that a renewal for a short lease will be affected. None of the shops are working extra men. This is due to the general business stagnation. But even if there was a demand for all the convicts, the state has not enough shop room in which to work them.

IN NEW MEXICO.

A Former Sedalia Boy Presides as Toast-Master at a Banquet.

Union county is a new county carved out in New Mexico, and Clayton, wherein Homer Byler, son of J. M. Byler, Esq., of Sedalia, is a prominent resident, is to be the county seat, and of course will enjoy a boom.

On the 5th inst., Union county held its first election and the democrats carried the day. The Mexican residents there are nearly all democrats, and among them the following were represented on the successful ticket: Francisco Miera, county clerk; Louis F. Garcia, sheriff; Solome Garcia, probate judge; Christobal Garcia, treasurer; Serafin Otero, superintendent schools; Nesto de Baca and F. Gonzales, commissioners.

Homer Byler, who was reared in Sedalia and who has many friends here, says, in a private letter:

"Hon. Antonio Joseph and Senator Barrella were here, and spoke to the largest crowd ever assembled in Clayton, after which there was a champagne banquet served at the Gem restaurant, at which I presided as toast-master, and eighty plates were served, after which there was dancing all night. Our guests were so well pleased that they staid over another day. We had our first election on the 5th, Clayton cast almost two democratic votes to one republican or rather people's party. All returns are not in, but enough to assure the election of the entire democratic ticket."

WILL HURT MOBERLY.

M., K. & E. Expects to Run Trains Into St. Louis by January 1.

The Moberly Monitor says: "The last span of the new bridge on the M., K. & E. over the Missouri river near its mouth, known as the Bellefontaine bridge, has been swung into place and general work will be pushed over the entire structure. The M. K. & E. expects to run trains into St. Louis by January 1st, and if the weather is favorable for such work it will do so if the work is anywhere as near complete as stated. Moberly will not be the gainer by this great improvement, as a large quantity of Texas stock and through freight for St. Louis has been turned over to the Wabash at Moberly. In the beginning there will be a loss of traffic, therefore loss of work for trainmen, but no general improvement in the country."

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Formerly of Sedalia. The following telegram may interest some one in Sedalia:

GUTHRIE, Ok., Dec. 14.—A sensational divorce suit was filed in the District court today by Mrs. Dora Hill, a prominent society lady. She asks for a decree and big alimony from her husband, John T. Hill, whom she alleges is living with a woman from St. Louis. The couple married in Sedalia, Mo., in 1887, and lived together until October 1892, when the plaintiff alleges Hill abandoned her. The suit has caused a sensation. Hill is worth about \$40,000 and is prominent.

Mrs. Hill followed her husband to St. Louis last Spring and caused him to flee from a hotel dining room, where he was dining with the woman named in the complaint.

When Dolly was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Marion Clark Dead.

Marion Clark, aged about 65 years, one of the most prominent and respected citizens of Saline county, died last evening at his home south of Marshall. He came to Saline county from Cooper county.

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THE FLIGHT OF THE HEART.

The heart soars up like a bird
From a nest of care;
Up, up, to a larger sky,
To a softer air!
No eye can measure its flight,
And no hand can tame;
It mounts in beauty and light,
In music and flame.
Of all the changes of Time
There is none like this:
The heart soars up like a bird
At the stroke of bliss.

The heart soars up like a bird,
But its wings soon tire;
Enough of rapture and song,
The cloud and the fire!
Its look, the look of a king—
Of a slave, its birth,
The poor, tired, impotent thing
Sinks back to the earth.
And the mother spreads her lap,
And she lulls its pain;
"Oh, thou who sighed for the sun,
Art thou mine again?"

—Dora Reade Goodale.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Two Prominent Pioneers of Howard County Passed Away Yesterday.

The death of John Lee, of Old Franklin, Howard county, took place yesterday.

He had been in feeble health for quite awhile and his wife and children were gathered at his bedside, expecting the end.

John Lee was either a native of Howard county or had lived there nearly all of the seventy-seven years of his life. He was noted in that section in pioneer times as a hauler of fine race horses and was a familiar figure on the track in the days when Franklin was the largest town west of St. Louis and when it was the home of many men who afterward gained state and national fame.

Mr. Lee, at the time of his death, owned large tracts of cultivated lands in the Howard bottoms and was president of the Commercial bank at Bonville.

John Lee was a gentleman of the old school and his death will be sincerely regretted by an extensive circle of acquaintances.

Charles B. Canole, also one of the prominent pioneer citizens of that county, also died yesterday, 71 years old.

COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT

Made a Mistake in Trying to Pass off Their Goods in Sedalia.

George Jordan and E. C. Reed, two counterfeiters, were neatly trapped at four o'clock yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police DeLong. Their arrest was immediately wired to Deputy United States Marshal Sidel at Kansas City, and he arrived this morning and took charge of the case, which promises rich developments. Jordan and Reed have been coining dollars and 25-cent pieces at Reed's home in Benton county and have succeeded in passing them on country merchants. Yesterday they came to Sedalia, and while arranging to unload the product of their mint were arrested. Thirty-four spurious silver dollars and twenty-two 25-cent pieces were found in their pockets. The quarters were almost perfect and the dollars would easily pass over the counter of any store. Jordan is the son of a prosperous dairyman of this city, and Reed owns a forty-acre farm in Benton county. Reed last night made a confession to the police telling where several thousand dollars of counterfeit money and the moulds would be found.

A Morning Marriage.

Miss Luella Sharp was married this morning to Dr. Fred R. Jones, of Dresden.

The ceremony took place in the presence of a few friends, at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. Dr. William Jones, father of the groom officiating.

The young couple are very popular in this community and their host of friends will wish them a merry Christmas, a happy New Year, and a long life of martial joy and worldly prosperity.

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A Wedding at Warrensburg.

A pleasant social event occurred at Warrensburg last evening in the marriage of Miss Sallie Colburn, youngest daughter of President G. W. Colburn, of the Johnson county bank, to Mr. E. L. DeArmond, a young business man of Knob Noster, Mo. The wedding party and many guests were entertained at supper at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. DeArmond will spend most of the winter in California.

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TALLEST MAN ON EARTH.

He Formerly Resided in Versailles, Morgan County, Missouri.

From the Greenville, Texas, Herald.

Colonel H. C. Thurston, who claims to be tallest man on earth, was in the city yesterday and his tall and erect form could plainly be seen several feet above the surging masses who crowded around to see him. The Colonel's home is in Mt. Vernon. He has recently returned from the world's fair and says that there were many side shows with so called tall men, but when he would step in they would invariably open their eyes and admit their superior had been found in the person of the man from Texas. The Colonel's height is 7 feet 8 1/2 inches, but says when he is on exhibition and gets himself "well straightened out" he measures eight feet. He was a soldier in the Confederate army during the war, enlisting in the Fourth Missouri under General Marmaduke. One of our citizens who was in the war with him says that when a regiment would be moving on foot the Col. would soar so high above them that to an outsider it would appear that he was riding. While Mr. Thurston was returning from Chicago he met a gentleman in Springfield, Ill., who was in the union army. The man said he had singled him out and shot over the heads of hundreds of other soldiers at him six times without any of the bullets striking. Mr. Thurston reached his height when 19 years of age. It was amusing to see some men yesterday who thought they were tall, walk under the arms of the Texas giant with perfect ease. Mr. Thurston enjoys perfect health and says he encounters no inconvenience by being so unusually tall.

A MURDER TRIAL.

A Murder Case From Lawrence County Sent to Henry County.

From the Clinton Democrat.

The Arnwine murder case from Lawrence county has been brought here on a change of venue and has been docketed for Friday, the 12th day of January.

The murder occurred on June 28, 1893, and was singularly interesting in that an old man, Wm. Arnwine, shot his son-in-law, George Keaton.

Accompanying the papers is a sworn testimony of Alice Katon, wife of the murdered man and daughter of his slayer, from which the facts can be gleaned. It seems the Arnwine children were unable to get along with their stepmother, and on the evening of the shooting little Jessie Arnwine, a mere boy, had run away and taken his clothes over to his sister's. The father went after him about dusk with a raw-hide, and the boy escaped out the back door. George Keaton told his father-in-law to stay out of the house, and the latter drew a revolver as the two stood face to face on the door step and commenced pulling the trigger. Keaton all the time trying to disarm him.

The weapon, a self-acting one, snapped four times and the fifth cartridge exploding, the ball entering Keaton's body making a fatal wound.

Arnwine was indicted for murder in the first degree, and has been in jail at Mt. Vernon ever since, bail being refused.

Harrison Appoints Wallace.

Surveyor of the Port J. Scott Harrison of Kansas City has appointed David W. Wallace deputy surveyor and chief clerk. Mr. Wallace went to work yesterday to learn the routine business of the office, but will not draw salary until January 1.

Mr. Wallace is an ex-treasurer of Jackson county. He was a candidate for the office now held by Mr. Harrison, and had the endorsements of Governor Stone, ex-Governor Francis and the entire Missouri delegation. As deputy and clerk Mr. Wallace will draw a salary of \$1,200 a year. He succeeds Edward Ferre, who has filled the office for the past four years.

THROUGH THE HEART.

Barnett, the Street Robber, Had Such a Wound, Yet Lived Twenty-Six Hours.

From the Kansas City Star.

Coroner Langsdale held an inquest at Carlat's morgue this morning regarding the killing of Thomas B. Barnett, the street robber, by Jacob Barner, at the corner of Sixth street and Wyandotte street Sunday night.

The facts as before given in the Star were related to the jury, and verdict setting out that the shooting was justifiable was returned.

An autopsy was made on Barnett's body last evening by Coroner Langsdale, Dr. Callaghan, his assistant, and by Dr. Will Iuen and Dr. Frank Iuen, the police surgeons. They could not find the bullet in the shoulder, supposed to be the first one fired by Barner. The second shot entered the breast, passed through both lobes of the left lung, through the pericardium and cut a gash in the heart as large as a man's finger. It buried itself in the muscles of the back by the tenth rib. The robber was a perfectly formed man, except that his hands and feet were unusually small. He was a man of powerful physique, but it was almost beyond belief that he should live twenty-six hours wounded as he was. His body will go to one of the medical colleges, if unclaimed by relatives.

DEATH AT DEEPWATER.

Latest Details of the Murder of John Leach in Henry County.

From the Clinton Democrat.

The true story of John Leach's death for the first time came out Saturday when the only eye witnesses of the shooting gave their testimony at the inquest.

The result of the post mortem was first introduced showing that the gunshot wound in Leach's abdomen produced his death. Dr. Seavers also testified to the wounds and to Leach's suffering and death from peritonitis resulting therefrom.

Alex. Harness, one of Crabtree's companions, testified that he went with him into Widman's saloon and Mr. Stewart came in afterwards. While they were drinking Crabtree made some remark to the effect that he and "this fellow" meaning the bar-keeper, "used to shock corn together down south of here," adding that he shocked the down-row and Leach the two up-rows. Leach said, "I used to shock corn down there but I don't remember ever shocking corn with you." Crabtree repeated this remark about corn shocking twice or more and the last time Leach said to him, "You seem to be hunting trouble—if that is what you want you will get it." Stewart then saw Leach holding a pistol in both hands, but not pointing it at any one. Stewart said, "put up that pistol you have no use for it here," whereupon Leach turned and put it in the drawer, saying: "No, I have no use for it," and had walked four or five feet toward the end of the bar, when Crabtree commenced shooting, following Leach up as he shot, the third shot being fired just as Leach was disappearing behind the ice chest. Crabtree then ran out the front door and Harness stayed and helped Leach to get up on a chair, leaving him to get assistance.

D. W. Stewart confirmed Mr. Harness' testimony in every important detail. Both swore that Crabtree had been drinking but was not drunk and knew what he was doing. Stewart heard the talk about the corn shocking and confirmed Harness' relation of how Leach had put up his gun and turned away before the first shot. He said further: "I saw no action on the part of Leach in the saloon that might cause any apprehension of danger on the part of Crabtree."

In his ante mortem statement Leach said he asked the stranger who came in his place, "are you hunting trouble?" and he said "I don't know." "I then reached around and got my pistol out of the drawer and told him to go out of the house which he still refused to do. I then laid my pistol back in the drawer and shut the drawer, and turned facing him when he began shooting." Leach swore that after the first shot he tried to run into his bedroom, when struck by the other balls.

The coroner's jury brought in a verdict reciting that Leach's death was produced by pistol shots fired from a pistol in the hands of Walter Crabtree and that said Crabtree willfully and deliberately fired said pistol at and against John Leach with intent to kill and murder him.

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